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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 3575-A.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by [insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Woolard, Senior Loan Specialist, Rural Housing Service, STOP 0787, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0788 (202) 720-1506, or by email: susan.woolard@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 3575, subpart A, Community Programs Guaranteed Loans.

OMB Number: 0575-0137.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 13, 2013.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection and recordkeeping requirements.

Abstract:

Private lenders make the loans to public bodies and nonprofit corporations for the purposes of improving rural living standards and for other purposes that create employment opportunities in rural areas. Eligibility for this program includes community facilities located in cities, towns, or unincorporated areas with a population of up to 20,000 inhabitants.

The information collected is used by the agency to manage, plan, evaluate, an account for government resources. The reports are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Nonprofit corporations and public bodies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 147,760

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1

Estimated Number of Responses: 148,976

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 159,873 hours

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0040.

COMMENTS:

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250-0742. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Tammye Treviño February 8, 2013_ Date

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